

REMARKS

This is in response to the Decision on Appeal mailed 4/07/2008.

Applicants are appreciative for the recognized allowable subject matter. This amendment should obviate outstanding issues and make the remaining claims allowable. Specifically, the Decision on Appeal dated 04/07/2008 specifically makes the following points:

1. On page 23 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “we cannot sustain the Examiner’s rejection of claim 21.”
2. On page 24 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “the Examiner’s rejection of claim 26 cannot be sustained.”
3. On pages 17 and 18 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “we will not sustain the Examiner’s rejection of claims 32 and 33.”
4. On pages 19 and 20 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “we cannot sustain the Examiner’s rejection of claim 34.”
5. On page 25 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “we cannot sustain the Examiner’s rejection of claim 35.”

6. On pages 25 and 26 of the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences conclude the following: “we cannot sustain the Examiner’s rejection of claim 36.”

In response to the Decision on Appeal date 04/07/2008, Applicants have canceled claims 1-10, 12-19, 22, 24, 25 and 27-29. Claims 33 and 34 have also been canceled. Applicants have canceled these claims for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications

In light of the above-identified allowable, subject matter, Applicants have made clarifying amendments that should place the pending application in condition for allowance. Specifically, independent claim 20 has been rewritten with the features of allowable dependent claim 21 (dependent claim 21 is canceled via the current amendment). Also, independent claim 23 has been rewritten with the features of allowable dependent claim 26 (dependent claim 26 is canceled via the current amendment). Further, independent claim 30 has been rewritten with the features of allowable dependent claim 32 (dependent claim 32 is canceled via the current amendment).

Newly added claims 37 recites all the feature of previously pending claim 30 along with the features of allowable claim 35 (dependent claim 35 is canceled via the current amendment). Newly added claims 38 recites all the feature of previously pending claim 30

along with the features of allowable claim 36 (dependent claim 36 is canceled via the current amendment).

This amendment should obviate outstanding issues and make the remaining claims allowable. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of this amendment.

SUMMARY

As has been detailed above, none of the references, cited or applied, provide for the specific claimed details of Applicants' presently claimed invention, nor renders them obvious. It is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof and early issuance is respectfully requested.

As this response has been timely filed, no request for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' representative at the below number.

Respectfully submitted,

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